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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING DATA USED TO DEVELOP THE ANNUAL PUBLIC INVESTMENT COMMUNITY INDEX.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-545 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

3 (a) As used in this section: [and section 7-546:]

4 (1) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
5 Management;

6 (2) "Municipality" means any town, consolidated town and city or  
7 consolidated town and borough;

8 (3) "Per capita income" [and "population"] for each town means that  
9 enumerated in the most recent federal decennial census of population  
10 [or that enumerated in the current population report series] issued by  
11 the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, or  
12 that enumerated in an annual report that is designated in regulations  
13 that the secretary may adopt in accordance with chapter 54, whichever

14 is more recent and available on [January] July first of the fiscal year  
15 [three years prior to the fiscal year] in which [payment] the eligibility  
16 index is to be [made] prepared pursuant to this section;

17 (4) "Population" for each town means that enumerated in the most  
18 recent federal decennial census of population issued by the United  
19 States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, or the number  
20 of people according to the most recent estimate of the Department of  
21 Public Health, made pursuant to section 19a-2a, as amended,  
22 whichever is more recent and available on July first of the fiscal year in  
23 which the eligibility index is to be prepared pursuant to this section;

24 [(4)] (5) "Adjusted equalized net grand list per capita" means the  
25 most recent adjusted equalized net grand list per capita determined for  
26 each town pursuant to section 10-261, as amended;

27 [(5)] (6) "Equalized mill rate" means the tax rate derived from the  
28 most recent available grand levy of a town divided by the equalized  
29 net grand list on which such levy is based as determined by the  
30 secretary in accordance with section 10-261a, as amended;

31 [(6)] (7) "Per capita temporary family assistance" means the number  
32 obtained by adding together the unduplicated aggregate number of  
33 children eligible to receive benefits by town under the temporary  
34 family assistance program in October and May of each fiscal year, and  
35 dividing by two, such number to be certified and submitted annually,  
36 no later than the first day of July of the succeeding fiscal year, to the  
37 secretary by the Commissioner of Social Services. Such number shall  
38 be expressed as a percentage of the population of a town;

39 [(7)] (8) "Unemployment rate" means the average unemployment  
40 rate of a town as reported by the Labor Commissioner on the first day  
41 of July for the latest available twelve-month period;

42 [(8)] (9) "Eligibility index" is a measure of local burden determined  
43 by calculating a town's disparity in relation to all municipalities. Points

44 shall be allocated for each of the following factors: (A) Per capita  
 45 income, (B) adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, (C) equalized  
 46 mill rate, (D) per capita temporary family assistance, and (E)  
 47 unemployment rate. For each factor the variance shall be the difference  
 48 between the first percentile and the one-hundredth percentile town  
 49 factors. In calculating the eligibility index for unemployment rate, per  
 50 capita temporary family assistance and equalized mill rate, the factor  
 51 for the first percentile town shall be subtracted from the factor for the  
 52 town and the result divided by the variance and multiplied by one  
 53 hundred. In calculating the eligibility index for per capita income and  
 54 adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, the factor for the first  
 55 percentile town shall be subtracted from the factor for the town and  
 56 the result shall be divided by the variance and multiplied by one  
 57 hundred. The product of such multiplication shall then be subtracted  
 58 from one hundred. The index points for all factors shall be totalled by  
 59 town resulting in the overall eligibility index. The eligibility index  
 60 listing shall be ranked for all towns from highest to lowest points  
 61 according to need;

62 [(9)] (10) "Public investment communities" are municipalities  
 63 requiring financial assistance to offset their service burdens with  
 64 eligibility defined as one which is in the top quartile of the "eligibility  
 65 index" scale;

66 [(10)] (11) "Grand levy" means the mill rate of the town multiplied  
 67 by the net taxable grand list of the town and includes the value of  
 68 special service districts if such districts contain fifty per cent or more of  
 69 the value of total taxable property within the town.

70 (b) On or before [July 15, 1994, and annually thereafter] July  
 71 fifteenth of each year, the secretary shall prepare the eligibility index  
 72 for Connecticut municipalities.

73 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 4-66c of the general statutes is  
 74 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
 75 *1, 2004*):

76 (c) Any proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized pursuant to  
77 subsections (a) and (b) of this section or of temporary notes issued in  
78 anticipation of the moneys to be derived from the sale of such bonds  
79 may be used to fund grants-in-aid to municipalities or the grant-in-aid  
80 programs of said departments, including, but not limited to, financial  
81 assistance and expenses authorized under chapters 128, 129, 130, 133,  
82 136 and 298, and section 16a-40a, provided any such program shall be  
83 implemented in an eligible municipality or is for projects in other  
84 municipalities which the State Bond Commission determines will help  
85 to meet the goals set forth in section 4-66b. For the purposes of this  
86 section, "eligible municipality" means a municipality which is  
87 economically distressed within the meaning of subsection (b) of section  
88 32-9p, which is classified as an urban center in any plan adopted by the  
89 General Assembly pursuant to section 16a-30, which is classified as a  
90 public investment community within the meaning of [subdivision (9)  
91 of] subsection (a) of section 7-545, as amended by this act, or in which  
92 the State Bond Commission determines that the project in question will  
93 help meet the goals set forth in section 4-66b.

94 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 4-66g of the general statutes is  
95 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
96 *1, 2004*):

97 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
98 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
99 Office of Policy and Management for a Small Town Economic  
100 Assistance Program the purpose of which shall be to provide grants-  
101 in-aid to any municipality which (1) is not economically distressed  
102 within the meaning of subsection (b) of section 32-9p, does not have an  
103 urban center in any plan adopted by the General Assembly pursuant  
104 to section 16a-30 and is not a public investment community within the  
105 meaning of [subdivision (9) of] subsection (a) of section 7-545, as  
106 amended by this act, and (2) has a population, as defined in  
107 subdivision (27) of section 10-262f, as amended, under thirty thousand.  
108 Such grants shall be used for purposes for which funds would be

109 available under section 4-66c. No municipality may receive more than  
110 five hundred thousand dollars in any one fiscal year under said  
111 program.

112 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 19a-17m of the general statutes is  
113 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
114 *1, 2004*):

115 (a) The Department of Public Health shall, within available  
116 appropriations, establish a program to purchase and maintain  
117 malpractice liability insurance for the following professionals and  
118 retired professionals who have been licensed by the state of  
119 Connecticut for a minimum of one year, whose licenses are in good  
120 standing and who provide primary health care services at community  
121 health centers and at other locations authorized by the department:  
122 Physicians, dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, podiatrists,  
123 natureopaths, psychologists, dental hygienists, physicians assistants  
124 and nurse practitioners. The following conditions shall apply to the  
125 program:

126 (1) Primary health care services shall only be provided at  
127 community health centers or at other locations as determined by the  
128 department, located in public investment communities, as defined in  
129 [subdivision (9) of] subsection (a) of section 7-545, as amended by this  
130 act;

131 (2) Primary health care services provided shall be offered to low-  
132 income patients based on their ability to pay;

133 (3) Professionals providing health care services shall not receive  
134 compensation for their services;

135 (4) Professionals must provide not less than one hundred fifty hours  
136 per year of such primary health care services; and

137 (5) The department shall contract with a liability insurer authorized  
138 to offer malpractice liability insurance in this state or with the

139 Connecticut Primary Care Association or other eligible primary health  
140 care providers to purchase insurance for professionals working in  
141 primary health care settings. The Connecticut Primary Care  
142 Association may subcontract with community health centers to  
143 purchase malpractice liability insurance for eligible professionals  
144 providing primary care services at the community health centers.  
145 Liability insurance shall be purchased only from a provider authorized  
146 to offer malpractice liability insurance in this state.

147 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) Section 7-546 of the general statutes is  
148 repealed.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

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